(e) the Auxiliary Nurse Midwives lacked skills in performing their duties at the Sub-centre in the absence of adequate training and re-training inputs.

On the basis of the findings, the ICMR have recommended in their report that while enough attention is to be given for improving the manpower and other infrastructural facilities, greater emphasis is required to enhance the managerial, supervisory and technical skills of medical and other health functionaries for improving both the quality and coverage of MCH and Family Planning Services.

Creation of Primary Health Care infrastructure falls under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme.

Manufacture of low cost personal computers

*100. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to manufacture low cost personal computers in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed computers;

(c) what would be the cost of the said computer and whether Government propose to export such computers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government is making efforts to bring down the cost of personal computers through standardization and bulk purchase of materials.

(b) Salient features of the standardized configuration is given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Estimated cost of the computer based on the above configuration is expected to be substantially lower than the cost of personal computers at present in the country. There are possibilities for export off such computers.

Statement

Salient features of the proposed low cost computers

1. P. C. with

—8038 or eqivalent 16 Bit CPIL

—Clock Speed 4.77|8|10 Mhz

—256 KB RAM, expandable to 640 KB| 1MB

—1 RS 232 C Serial Port

—1 Centronics Parallel interface

—RTC with battery back-up

—3 Expansion slots on mother board

Provision for:

—Numeric Co-processor

—360 KB FDD with 2nd drive option

—12" monochrome monitor with Key Board

—Colour graphics option

2. VDU with screen size 12" non glare, monochrome

3. Standard Key Board

—4. Floppy Drives 5.25", 360 KB|1.2

5. Power supply of capacity 90 watts with -DC output for PC|XT and with UPS facility. The tolerance of the power supply to voltage and frequency should be in the range 160—260 volts and 50 Hz plus 5 per cent respectively.

Discovery of a new kind of cheap petrol

687. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply of Unstarred Questions 4305 and 4400 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st September, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the findings of the team of CSIR Scientists who were asked to verify the claim of one Shri Babu Mathew of Idukki district in Kerala that he has discovered a cheap kind of petrol;

(b) whether any help has been provided to this unemployed youth for making petrol; and

(c) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Scientists asked to verify the claim and examine the product have since submitted a Report. It has been found that the starting material used for producing the so-called synthetic petrol is engine oil. The Expert Team therefore did not find any novelty in the product since engine oil is also a petroleum product which can be converted into petrol. It may not therefore be considered in scientific sense as substitute for the present method of petrol production since the starting material in this newly invented process is still the crude oil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Universal immunisation programme in Andhra Pradesh

688. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Universal Immunisation Programme launched with the cooperation of the UNICEF is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of the districts in Andhra Pradesh which have been covered under this programme; and

(c) by when all the districts in Andhra Pradesh are proposed to be covered by this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Fifteen districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely Anantpur, Cuddapah, Nizamabad, Kurnool, Mehboob Nagar, Vishakhapatnam, Warrangal, West Godavari, Medak, Guntur; Rangareddy, Vijainagaram, Prakasam, Karimnagar and Nalgonda have been covered under this programme so far.

(c) The remaining districts will be taken up during 1989-90.

Primary health centres in Andhra Pradesh

689. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more Primary Health Centres in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof with their locations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government of Andhra Pradesh have agreed to establish 200 Primary Health Centres in the year 1989-90 during the Annual Plan discussions held in the Planning Commission recently. The location/site for the primary health centres to be established is decided by the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

NCC Cadets/Officers in the country

690. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of NCC cadets and officers in the country, university-wise during the current financial year;

(b) the corresponding figures for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(c) the total expenditure during the current financial year and the last two financial years?